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Gala Dance Is Planned For N-R Appeal Fund

A gala dance affair to raise funds for the appeal of the \$17,500 libel judgement against the Greenbelt News Review was approved at last Friday's Freedom of the Press rally in Center School. According to plans announced by subcommittee chairman Edwin Ross, the dance will be held at the Greenbelt Armory on Saturday evening, May 11.

The dance is one of many activities the subcommittee is considering to raise the estimated \$10,000 needed to cover the costs of carrying an appeal to the higher courts.

About 100 persons attending the Friday meeting also voted unanimously to advise the newspaper to file an appeal. The vote came after the paper's president reported that an offer had been received from the attorney for Charles Bresler, who won the libel case against the paper, indicating that he would be willing to forego the judgment upon payment of \$5,500 in legal fees and \$1,000 in court costs.

The group pledged its financial support to the paper, with the first order of business being the raising of the balance of a \$17,500 escrow fund. This fund would serve as security for the judgment while the case is under appeal. According to the Freedom of the Press committee, which is conducting the fund-raising drive, about \$12,200 has already been deposited with the escrow fund at Twin Pines.

The committee aims to collect the total within the 30 days allowed for the filing of the appeal.

The amounts collected for the escrow fund will be refunded to the donors with interest in the event that the appeal is successful. Trustees for the fund are Mayor Edgar Smith, the Rev. Edward Birner, and Simon Pristoop.

To Our Readers

The News Review staff appreciates the comments it has received from readers regarding the jury verdict in the libel suit against the newspaper. We regret that no comments are being published, in accordance with the advice of counsel that it would be inappropriate for this newspaper to publish comments on the merits of a case in which it is a party while that case is still in litigation.

Baltimore Symphony Series Kicks Off With Dinner

The Baltimore Symphony Society of Prince Georges County, formerly Greenbelt Symphony Society, will begin its county-wide subscription drive with a buffet dinner for workers Sunday, February 4. Subscriptions for the three-concert series will be available shortly after that date and prospective workers are invited to attend the dinner if they will inform Bruce Bowman at Twin Pines by Friday, February 2.

Concerts of the Baltimore Symphony, held last year at Greenbelt Junior High School, are being moved to the new auditorium of the Prince Georges Community College at Largo. The first concert will be on Wednesday, February 28; the others on Monday, April 15 and Saturday, May 18.

Fire Department

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department was a recipient of a Letter of Commendation from the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) for its fire prevention program during the year of 1967.

Boxwood Civic Assn.

A regular meeting of the Boxwood Civic Association will be held Wednesday, February 7, at 8:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, Feb., 5, 1968

I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Lord's Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting - January 8, 1968
- 5 Additions to the Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II COMMUNICATIONS

- 6 Petitions and Requests
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- 8 Committee Reports

III OLD BUSINESS

9. Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 375, an Ordinance Relating to Municipal Traffic Regulations, as Amended by Ordinance Nos. 529, 629, 630, 551 and 625, by Repealing and Re-enacting with Amendments Section VI. (second reading)
- 10 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report No. 8-67 - Policy Statements

IV NEW BUSINESS

- 11 Treasurer's Report - First Six Month's 1967/68 Fiscal Year
- 12 State Legislation

Large Crowd Attends Sports Club Smoker

Over 150 sportsmen crowded into the American Legion for the Greenbelt Sports Club's first Smoker on Saturday night, January 27.

John Merrick, the Club's Football Coach of the Year, was presented with a trophy by President Donald King. Tim Chaney of Crossland High School received a plaque as the Outstanding Back of the Year. Carl Noyes of DeMatha High School also received a plaque as the Outstanding Lineman.

Dick Shiner, Quarterback for the Cleveland Browns, presented the Back Award and Jim Steffen, Halfback for the Dallas Cowboys, presented the Lineman Award. Jack Davis, professional wrestler, talked about his sport.

The new Washington Senator Baseball Manager, Jim Lemon, concluded the program with a short dissertation on his hopes and plans for the coming year and then answered questions from the floor.

Acting as Master of Ceremonies was Sportscaster Nat Allbright of WEAM Radio.

A second Smoker featuring Earl M. Foreman, owner of the Whips, Washington's Professional Soccer Team, is planned for Thursday, February 29. Foreman has been asked to bring along his General Manager, Coach and some of his players.

City Notes

Speed limit and "No Parking" signs have gone up along Lakeside Dr. this week, as well as a new street name sign and a stop sign on Parkway Rd. at its intersection with Crescent near the Community Church.

A major street repair job undertaken by the Public Works Dept. has been the construction of a concrete bus pad on Crescent Rd. near Gardenway. Half of the concrete for the bus stop was poured on Monday and the job was expected to be completed this week.

Other street repair jobs included paving with asphalt next to the new curb and gutter between 57 and 59 sts. of Ridge, as well as the sealing of cracks with liquid asphalt and the patching of chuck holes throughout the city. The city crew also laid down gravel behind the new curb and gutter at the firehouse.

The lake park received its share of attention when city employees laid crushed stone on the roadway that enters the park area near the Pepco substation. The road, which is used by municipal maintenance vehicles, was graveled as far as the footbridge near the base of the peninsula. The city crew also cleared away many scrub trees from around the base of an attractive large white pine below the dam.

One city employee, police dispatcher William Bingham, was called to active duty with his Air National Guard unit over the weekend. Bingham has worked as a dispatcher for about six months.

The WSSC has torn up a section of sidewalk at the foot of Maplewood Ct. and excavated beneath it to replace a broken section of sewer pipe serving one of the nearby residences.

CUB PACK 202

To celebrate the 58th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, Pack 202 will hold a Blue and Gold Banquet for cub scouts and their families on Saturday, February 10, at the Community Church. Guest speaker for the banquet will be Police Chief William Lane.

At the January Pack meeting, Den 4 performed a skit on communications through music. The boys made their instruments for the skit. Eighteen boys received their bobcat pins and became official members of Pack 202.

Third-Class Cards Must Bear 6c Postage

Postmaster Emory A. Harman stated today that the public has overlooked one important phase of the postage rate law and that oversight is causing considerable difficulty in handling the mail involved.

The new public rate law now requires that third-class mail such as greeting cards (birthday, Christmas, Easter, etc.) bear postage at no less than 6c. The minimum rate for this type mail is 6c for the first two ounces; or, in other words, a normal greeting card now requires 6c postage, sealed or unsealed.

We want to emphasize to the public, the Postmaster stated, there is no lower rate now for greeting cards as there was under the old law.

The difference, Mr. Harman said, between the first-class rate and the third-class rate is the cost per ounce. Whereas, first-class mail costs 6c per ounce, third-class mail or greeting card type mail is 6c for the first two ounces and 2c for each ounce above the minimum two ounces.

Great Decisions Program

The United Nations Association of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Public Library will hold the first of eight meetings devoted to Great Decisions on foreign policy. The program will be held in the Youth Center Meeting Room on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

WHAT GOES ON

Sat., Feb. 3, 2:30 p.m. Pickwick Players, Hansel and Gretel, Springhill Lake Elementary School

Mon., Feb. 5, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tues., Feb. 6, 8 p.m. North End School PTA Meeting
8 p.m. Springhill Lake Elementary School PTA Meeting

Wed., Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m. Great Decisions Program, Youth Center

8 p.m. Greenbelt Republican Club Meeting, Co-op Hospital-ity Room

8:30 p.m. Boxwood Civic Association, American Legion Hall

NEXT GHI ORIENTATION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 22nd

by Sid Kastner

The member relations committee of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. proposed a varied agenda for the forthcoming orientation get-together, at Thursday night's regular GHI board meeting. The adverse decision on the corporation's school suit was discussed by the board and machinery was set in motion to prepare an appeal. The directors also were informed of a proposal by an independent group to modify the Lutheran church building and site for use by senior citizens, and heard a tentative plan to combine some units formerly used as medical offices.

The date of the member orientation meeting has been set for Thursday, February 22. Directors Charles Schwan, Cliff Simonson, and John O'Reilly will address the meeting and describe the home improvement program, the situation of the school site, and the financial breakdown of the monthly charges. Joseph Vella of the Select Committee will also speak on the long range outlook of the corporation. There should be enough time for a question and answer period as well.

School Site Case

The board briefly reviewed the status of the corporation's suit against the county Board of Education on the matter of the school site on Parcel 2. On Jan. 5 the Court of Appeals ruled against GHI in a 4 to 1 split verdict. Directors John O'Reilly and Schwan emphasized strongly the importance, to the community as a whole as well as to GHI, of continuing the appeal against the undesirable site. O'Reilly's motion to instruct attorney David Reich to prepare such an appeal was passed unanimously. A meeting with attorneys Reich and Albert Ginsberg was also scheduled. In answer to a question by Thomas White of the Audit committee, Schwan noted that copies of the dissenting opinion were available for interested members.

Elderly Housing

An interesting idea for a senior citizen's building was proposed in a letter from James Cassels. The present Lutheran church building is situated on a steeply sloping site. Floors would be added in two wings so as to give a three story height at the front and five stories at the rear, comprising enough space for 60 or more living units; the existing building would become a meeting room. It was brought out that the proposal does not entail any expenditure on the part of GHI, since the project would be government financed. However, the senior citizen's group wishes to obtain the corporation's view since a special exception needs to be obtained for rezoning the site. By motion, an ad hoc committee chaired by director Nat Shinderman was set up to consider the proposal.

Additions

Manager Breashears reported that some adjoining members who presently want to build additions to their homes, in a court on Crescent road, face a problem in that the corporations architect advises the foundations should go down to "undisturbed, stable earth." Otherwise, says the architect, there is danger of cracking an old storm drain below, or at least of shifting. According to maintenance superintendent David Kane, this could mean the foundations must go down 9 feet or more and be very costly. Breashears mentioned a better alternative might be to relocate the drains involved - the cost of this would be of the order of \$1000 and might be shared by the members. Shinderman and Schwan asked the manager to get more information from the architect, and agreed that the particular people involved should be kept informed.

Larger Homes

Director O'Reilly informed the board that at the present there is difficulty in obtaining suitable financing for the townhouse project. At the same time, he noted that the cost of borrowing money will probably continue to rise so that the best course may be to go ahead now. Director James Smith agreed that it would be better to pay even, say, an interest rate of 6% now than to pay possible 8% or 9% later. Shinderman thought it would be well to inform the in-

terested members about this, since monthly charges for example might be higher than anticipated earlier.

Breashears mentioned that there is a possibility of creating larger homes by combining two units, which have just been vacated (formerly medical offices), at the intersection of Crescent road and Gardenway. He displayed an example of a plan which would move stairs to the opposite ends of the combined dwelling, and incorporate a long hall on the second floor. A motion by O'Reilly was passed which referred the question to the Larger Homes committee.

Other Matters

A problem of overgrown hedges and trees has become serious according to the Landscape committee, and is pointed up by the fact that a resident recently has had his eye injured by an extended branch. Gordon Allen of the committee stated that a letter will go out to members recommending that steps be taken to trim such growth, which interferes with pedestrians and cuts down visibility. Breashears said he hoped that voluntary efforts by members themselves would be sufficient.

The directors heard about the plight of a member who wishes to work on his boat but has no place to do so other than his court. Smith was in favor of arranging to have a place made available near the fenced boat parking area, behind the GHI offices. An electric outlet could be installed inside the parking lot, so that the member could use an extension cord. The directors were sympathetic but some were concerned about the liability involved, as well as the cost. However, a motion by Smith was passed to investigate the feasibility of such an arrangement.

Students Seek History Of Greenbelt Jr. High

The Future Teachers of America at Greenbelt Junior High have embarked on a project to reconstruct the history of Greenbelt High School. This will cover a period of thirty years from its opening in September, 1938.

Former students of the school who may have information concerning awards, class officers, scholarships, service projects, athletics, or outstanding persons, are asked to forward it to The Future Teachers of America, c/o Mr. Edward Wagus or Miss Patricia Ballentine, Greenbelt Junior High School, Greenbelt and Kenilworth Ave., Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Information may be telephoned in to the school by calling 474-4533.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

The North End PTA will feature "Back to School" night on Tuesday, February 6 at 8 p.m. Parents will meet in the individual classrooms.

HANSEL & GRETEL

PICKWICK PLAYERS - Fliers have been distributed to all Greenbelt Elementary Schools announcing the Pickwick Players presentation of Hansel and Gretel. The performance will be given at Springhill Lake Elementary School, at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3.

The group, which aims its production at the family audience, is under the direction of Sarah Schlesinger and Forest Gossage. The production is attractive and features imaginative costumes and scenic effects. Music and dance are integral parts of the performance. Cast members are young professional actors and advanced college students who enthusiastically bring the scripts to life. Admission is free.

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TEEN CLUB CHATTER

Lloyd and the Lonely Souls will be at the Greenbelt Teen Club, Greenbelt Youth Center, Saturday, Feb. 3. All Teen Club members will be admitted free of charge by showing their club card. There has been a change of schedule. The Knights and the Counts will not be playing at the Youth Center Feb. 10.

Coming - Feb. 10 - Surprise Band. February 24 - The Lancers

ADULT OIL PAINTING - The first class will start Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7 - 10 p.m., if enough interested participants register. There are still several openings available for both beginners and intermediate. Mr. George Kramer, a University of Maryland instructor, will conduct the 30-hour course. Instruction covers the basic sketch and oil painting techniques.

COUNTY GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE - The Greenbelt 18 and Under girls team plays New Carrollton Feb. 8 at Greenbelt Junior High at 8 p.m.

COUNTY MENS BASKETBALL - The Greenbelt Mens Team plays Douglas Distributory Corporation at 7:15 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Beltsville Junior High. Greenbelt won the County championship in 1967. This year the competition is even keener with eighteen teams in three leagues.

MENS SUNDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL LEAGUE - At 8 p.m. Sunday, in the Youth Center, Feb. 4, the Tigers take on the Grey Shirts, and at 9 p.m. the All Stars challenge the Satellites. Spectators are welcome.

YOUTH CENTER BOYS BASKETBALL LEAGUE - On Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. the Knicks play the Bullets and at 8:30 the Lakers take on the Celtics.

Woman's Club News

The Woman's Club will celebrate its 28th birthday Thursday, February 8. The meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Community Church. All members are invited to bring guests.

A Variety Program will include a medley of musical numbers. Mrs. Lucile Lushine will be pianist and "Mrs. Primrose and Her Buds" will be making their debut as vocalists. There will be a vocal solo by Mrs. Anne McDonald.

Each member is reminded to bring a very old photo of herself so she can be framed by General Factotum for the evening. Nudes on bear rugs are acceptable but not encouraged.

POETRY HOUR FEB. 8

The next meeting of the Poetry Hour will be held on Thursday, February 8 at 4 p.m. in the cafeteria of Center School. An election of officers for the second term will be held.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

All Greenbelters are invited to participate in the Duplicate Bridge games held every Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Springhill Lake Community House. For further information call 474-4555.

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10:45 - Morning Worship - Holy Communion. Church School Nursery through grade 4. Infant care in 2-B Hillside.

11:45 - Coffee Hour Fellowship

5:00 - Senior High Fellowship.

5:30 - COCU Meeting, Mowatt Methodist Church.

CANA CONFERENCE AT ST. HUGH'S

A Cana Conference will be held on Sunday, February 11, at 2:30 p.m. in the lower level of St. Hugh's Church. Guest speakers will be Rabbi M. Weisenberg of the Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County; the Rev. S. J. Morris, Jr., Baptist Church; the Rev. D. A. Stover, Greenbelt Community Church; the Rev. E. H. Birner, Holy Cross Lutheran Church; the Rev. K. W. Johnson, Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church. Each will speak on the role of the laity in his church. All are invited.

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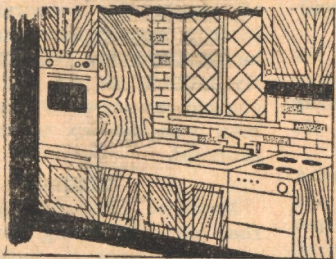
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by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

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Vacationing for several days at Grossinger's Hotel in the Catskills last week were Lil Schwimer, Peggy Markfield, Pauline Pritzker and Mary Smith.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Strachko, 115 Greenknolls. Edward was born January 21, tipping the scales at 9 lbs. 7 oz. He joins four brothers, David, Gary, James, and Steven.

Robert Nuzzo, 12-G Ridge visited his grandparents, former Greenbelters, Mr. and Mrs. Leo R. Mullen, in Ft. Lauderdale during the semester break. Robert is a junior at the University of Maryland, studying engineering.

A very happy birthday to Bill Herlich, 100 Periwinkle, who celebrated his eleventh birthday.

A very happy birthday to Karen Gingell, who celebrated her tenth birthday on January 30.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cantwell, 1 Greentree, proudly announce the arrival of a son on December 31. Kevin weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and joins John, Michael, James, Mark, Dennis, Christopher, Thomas and William.

Congratulations to Thomas Marcellino, who passed the examination for certified public accountants.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Paul Gabriel, 6008 Springhill Drive, are sponsoring Leticia, a seven-year-old American Indian girl from the Papago Tribe, Arizona, through Save the Children Federation, international child welfare organization of Norwalk, Connecticut. The sponsorship will provide the clothing, school supplies, personal books and spending money which will enable the child to take part in school activities.

Glad to hear that Mindy Fisher, 2-H Gardenway, is back at school after a brief stay at the hospital to have her tonsils removed.

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